**CLAIMS** 

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A method comprising: 1.

receiving a file index associated with a plurality of localized strings of data; loading the file index into a memory device; identifying pointers to frequently used localized strings; caching the identified pointers; and processing requests for Web content.

- 2. A method as recited in claim 1 wherein each of the plurality of localized strings has an associated language.
- 3. A method as recited in claim 1 wherein each of the plurality of localized strings has an associated locale.
- 4. A method as recited in claim 1 wherein each of the plurality of localized strings has an associated language and an associated locale.
- A method as recited in claim 1 wherein processing requests for Web 5. content includes:

identifying at least one localized string associated with a request for Web content; and

validating the at least one localized string.

6. A method as recited in claim 5 further comprising using the at least one localized string to process requests for Web content if the at least one localized string is validated.

- 7. A method as recited in claim 1 wherein identifying pointers to frequently used localized strings includes identifying one or more commonly used languages.
- **8.** A method as recited in claim 1 wherein identifying pointers to frequently used localized strings includes identifying one or more frequently requested locales.
- 9. A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the method is performed by a Web server.
- 10. One or more computer-readable memories containing a computer program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited in claim 1.

11. A method comprising:

receiving a request for content in a particular language;

identifying at least one string associated with the requested content, wherein the at least one string is associated with the particular language;

determining whether a pointer to the at least one string is stored in a cache; if the pointer is stored in the cache:

retrieving the pointer from the cache; and retrieving the at least one string using the pointer;

if the pointer is not stored in the cache, retrieving the at least one string from a storage device.

- 12. A method as recited in claim 11 further comprising generating the requested Web content and providing the requested content to a source of the request.
- 13. A method as recited in claim 11 further comprising validating the at least one string.
- 14. A method as recited in claim 11 wherein the at least one string has an associated locale.
- 15. A method as recited in claim 11 wherein retrieving the at least one string from a storage device includes:

identifying a string index associated with the at least one string; and locating the at least one string using the string index.

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**16.** One or more computer-readable memories containing a computer program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited in claim 11.

## 17. A method comprising:

receiving a request for content in a particular language;

identifying at least one string associated with the requested content, wherein the at least one string is associated with the particular language;

determining the at least one string is stored in a cache;

retrieving the at least one string from the cache if the at least one string is stored in the cache; and

retrieving the at least one string from a storage device if the at least one string is not stored in the cache.

- **18.** A method as recited in claim 17 further comprising providing the requested content to a source of the request.
- 19. A method as recited in claim 17 further comprising validating the retrieved string to determine whether the retrieved string is corrupted.
- 20. A method as recited in claim 17 wherein retrieving the at least one string from a storage device includes:

identifying a string index associated with the at least one string; and locating the at least one string using the string index.

21. One or more computer-readable memories containing a computer program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited in claim 17.

## **22.** An apparatus comprising:

an interface to receive requests for Web content and to send responses to the received requests;

a cache to temporarily store pointers to frequently used localized strings of data; and

a processor coupled to the interface and the cache, wherein the processor is configured to receive requests for Web content from the interface and receive pointers from the cache, wherein the processor is further configured to retrieve a particular localized string using a pointer if the cache contains a pointer to the particular localized string, and wherein the processor retrieves the particular localized string from a storage device the cache does not contain a pointer to the particular localized string.

- 23. An apparatus as recited in claim 22 wherein each localized string has an associated language.
- 24. An apparatus as recited in claim 22 wherein each localized string has an associated locale.

- 25. An apparatus as recited in claim 22 wherein the processor is further configured to validate localized strings.
- 26. One or more computer-readable media having stored thereon a computer program that, when executed by one or more processors, causes the one or more processors to:

receive a file index associated with a plurality of localized strings, wherein each of the plurality of localized strings has an associated language;

load the file index into a memory device; identify pointers to commonly used localized strings; cache the identified pointers; and process requests for localized data.

- 27. One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 26 wherein each of the plurality of localized strings has an associated locale.
- **28.** One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 26 wherein the one or more processors further:

identify at least one localized string associated with a request for localized data; and

validate the at least one localized string.

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**29.** One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 26 wherein the one or more processors further:

identify at least one localized string associated with a request for localized data;

validate the identified localized string; and

process the identified localized string if the identified localized string is validated.

30. One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 26 wherein the commonly used localized strings are identified based on frequently requested languages.